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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

JOHN FOSTER DULLES: "We will be false to ourselves and false to the trust that mankind puts in American leadership if we allow American military judgments to be dominant in American nat'l policy." 1-Q

Lord VANSITTART, chief diplomatic adviser to British For'gn Office from '38-'41: "Stalin has taken over Hitler's ambitions, but on an even greater scale." 2-Q

HENRY A WALLACE, Progressive party leader, urging "revolt" against N Atlantic treaty: "When you spend for barracks, there is nothing left for homes." 3-Q

Dr HOUSTON PETERSON, philosophy prof, Rutgers Univ: "We have separated education and manners until children are proud to show there is no connection." 4-Q

HERBERT V EVATT, pres, UN Gen'l Assembly: "The UN is a going concern and has come to stay." 5-Q

Rev ROB'T J MCCrackEN, Riverside Church, N Y: "The world of the 20th century is tending to become a world of 1 dimension; it has largely lost the dimension of eternity." 6-Q

W STUART SYMINGTON, Air Sec'y: "None of us feels that air power could win a war alone. We must be a team of air, land, and water forces." 7-Q

Gen'l LUCIUS D CLAY, retiring U S military gov of Germany: "It

is impossible either to forget or to forgive Germany for what she has brought upon the world, but it is also unfair to hold forever against 65 million people the fact that their moral integrity deteriorated under a police state." 8-Q

Gen DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, pres, Columbia Univ, paying tribute to Jas Forrestal: "America has lost a citizen of heroic mold." 9-Q

BERNARD M BARUCH, elder statesman: "(Jas Forrestal) died from duty in war and public service. The feeling of duty is the most ennobling spirit that motivates us." 10-Q

WM O DOUGLAS, Assoc Justice, U S Supreme Court: "We cannot rely solely on the Horatio Alger tradition to get poor men's children educated in the U S." 11-Q

Sen BOURKE HICKENLOOPER, of Ia: "Communist infiltration in the U S is a whole lot worse than many people believe. It is a big red whale threshing around in the pond instead of a red herring." 12-Q

Gen JONATHAN M WAINWRIGHT: "Alaska is now our weakest point and is comparable to the Philippines at the beginning of World War II." 13-Q

Dr HENRY DEWOLF SMYTH, head of Princeton Univ physics dep't, on loyalty investigations for fed'l scholarship applicants: "It (is)

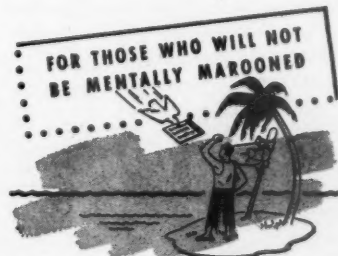
more difficult to judge a student of 21 or 22 yrs in terms of fundamental loyalty and discretion, particularly as to what he is going to turn into after 2 or 3 yrs of graduate training, than almost any other class." (Quoted by NAT FINNEY, Minneapolis Tribune) 14-Q

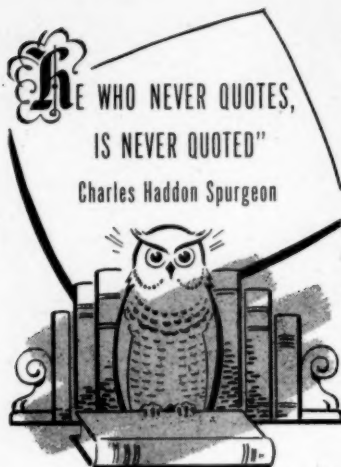
ANDREI A GROMYKO, Russian Deputy For'gn Min: "Americans and Russians can work together if they want to." 15-Q

Sen CLAUDE PEPPER, of Fla: "For the 1st time since World War II everybody up (at Capitol Hill) is fighting hard for peace." 16-Q

BRUCE BARTON, adv'g exec: "Capitalism, not Socialism or Communism, is the great dynamic force of the modern world." 17-Q

WM GREEN, pres, A F of L: "The chief propaganda weapon of the enemies of American democracy is the fact that intolerance, discrimination and injustice are permitted to flourish under our democratic form of Gov't." 18-Q





ACCURACY—1

A motorist on a country road asked a boy for directions to a neighbor's home. "When you get to the crossroads," repl'd the lad, "turn left." But he gestured to the right. The inquirer noted the difference, but went confidently on and turned correctly, to the right. His companion asked how he was sure. "When what we say and what we do disagree," he repl'd, "we mean what we do."—WALTER L. MOORE, *Christian Herald*.

ADVERSITY—2

Different people must contend with different trials, but adversities in some shape or other come to everyone. Life is a procession of people bearing crosses and when one carries his awkwardly he interferes with his fellow marchers.—R. C. MCCARTHY, *Safeguarding Mental Health*. (Bruce)

AIR AGE—3

We are just a little dizzy after reading about the latest developments in aircraft, rockets and jet missiles. When Morse wrote the 1st message sent by telegraph it read: "What hath God wrought!" Perhaps, as to those target-seeking

rockets, the appropriate comment is: "What hath Lucifer spawned!"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

AMERICA—4

Within the next 3 yrs America must make one of the most fateful decisions in all history. She is deciding whether she will be the kind of country no nation would want to destroy with bombs, or the kind of nation every country will want to destroy; whether she will retain the moral and spiritual leadership of mankind or forfeit it forever.—FRANK C. LAUBACH, *Houston Times*.

CHILDREN—Ambition—5

Recently 1,500 children around 13 yrs of age in Mass schools were asked to name a person whom they wanted to be like 10 yrs from now. Only 12 children named a religious figure. The survey showed 23% wanted to be like some figure in sports, 14% selected a figure from the movies or radio as their ideal, and 10% wanted to be like their fathers. A similar study made 50 yrs ago found 78% of the children naming historical characters, 12% figures from literature, and 10% then wanted to be like Dad.—*Survey Bulletin*.

CONGRESS—6

Pres Truman is beginning to treat the 81st Congress as if he had no idea who elected it or where it came from. Whenever it fails to do his bidding, he carefully looks the other way—as tho it were some stranger for whom he couldn't conceivably have any responsibility.—ROSCOE DRUMMOND, *Christian Science Monitor*.

There are times when Congress reminds one of nothing so much as the solidly built matron of 55 or so who fills the doorway while considering if this is the right bus.—*Hartford Courant*.

CONSCIENCE—7

We do outgrow our childish awkwardness of body; let us outgrow

our childish awkwardness of conscience.—JOSHUA LOTH LIEBMAN, in one of his last radio addresses.

DRINK—Drinking—8

The alcoholic beverage industry constituted in '47 1.27% of all industry in the U. S. Liquor adv'g represented in '47 13.7% of all nat'l adv'g. The average expenditure per capita for intoxicating beverages went from \$15.80 in '34 to \$62.14 in '46.—*American Business Men's Research Foundation*.

EDUCATORS—9

There are more educators now serving as U. S. for'gn service officers than men from any other walk of life.—*Education Digest*.

EFFICIENCY—10

Addressing a new class concerning the merits of shorthand, the instructor said: "It is a matter of record that it took the poet Gray 7 yrs to write his famous poem 'Elegy in a Country Churchyard.' Had he been proficient in stenography, he could have done it in 7 min's. We have had students who have written it in that length of time."—F. MIHALIC.

EMPLOYMENT—Prospects—11

Job seekers are being warned that a new college degree is not necessarily the answer to all their problems. Demand is far above supply for physicians, dentists, psychiatrists, pharmacists, librarians, veterinarians. Engineers still enjoy excellent prospects. In other fields, such as personnel work, adv'g, radio, law publishing, for'gn commerce . . . competition is back already. This is the 1st college graduating class since '40 to hit a "normal" labor mkt.—"Class of '49 Faces Hard Going," *U. S. News & World Report*.

EQUALITY—Sexes—12

Vivacious and temperamental Dominican feminist Minerva Bernardino, chmn of the Inter-American Commission of Women, engaged in a violent argument with a male representative from Ecuador

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at a meeting on the Status of Women. The Ecuadorean delegate, at a loss for more arguments to use against his opponent, finally shouted, "If you were not a woman, I would kill you!"

To which Miss Bernardino repl'd, "Under the Charter there can be no discrimination between men and women. So—kill me!"—UN World.

FRIENDSHIP—13

I remember the shrewd advice of a univ prof who used profitable side lines to make fame and fortune thru the depression. "My friends help me," he said. "But if you ever plan to use your friends, make them 10 yrs in advance of need."—WM M LAMERS, "Base Your Public Relations on Human Relations," *School Board Jnl*, 5-'49.

GARDENING—14

It won't be long until the disgusted amateur gardener will be willing to trade his garden for a good can opener.—LUKE MCLUKE, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Father

Fathers are large people
Who frequently declare
That "other children" eat their meals
And sit straight on a chair.
"Other children" wash their hands
According to my Father.
They never yell, or lose their hats
Or fight, or be a bother.
"Other children," Father says
Speak when they're spoken to;
They answer "Please" and "Thank you"
The way I'm s'posed to do.
I'm sorry for my Father,
Just as sorry as can be;
He knows such lovely children,
'Nen gets stuck with one like me.
—ZOA SHERBURNE, Pen. 15

GENIUS—Humility—16

After a stirring concert at N Y's outdoor Lewisohn stadium, when Marian Anderson had sung encore after encore, a thousand people crowded around the backstage entrance, asking only a glimpse of the woman who had moved them so deeply.

In response to continued calls, the great singer stepped out onto

the porch, still wearing her white concert gown. She stood silent and motionless for a moment, then said quietly to the crowd, "Thank you for letting me sing."—CAROLYN ROLAND, *Seventeen*.

GUIDANCE—17

Guidance today not only charts the road to be followed; it also indicates plowed-under and dead-end roads. It stands like a native at the unexpected crossroads, considers the student's vehicle, his desired destination and indicates to him a part of what he may expect at the end of the right or left fork in the road.—MARY ROOS & CHAS M SMITH, *Guide to Guidance*. (Prentice-Hall)

HABIT—18

A blind horse was the motive power for a carding mill. Hr after hr, day after day, wk after wk, the blind horse walked in a circle some 30 ft in diameter. In a pasture where the horse was turned to graze, one would see circles about the same circumference as that where the horse walked in pulling the machinery. So long had it walked in a circle that when left free in the open it walked in a circle and grazed in a circle.—C R NICHOL, *Gospel Advocate*.

LANGUAGE—19

Setting Chinese into type is mostly a matter of footwork. As there is a special character for each word, the most used words are kept near the compositor, and when an uncommon one has to be used a boy is sent running for it to the other end of the composing room. If writers of English had to fetch their big words on foot, one at a time, they might at last use simple words.—*Story-crafter*.

LAWS—Crime—20

The Secret Service Men figure a crime is committed every 18 sec's or thereabouts. And, those are only the ones that they know about. An Att'y Gen once said that such is the complicated meanderings of law and disorder that the average citizen probably breaks one law every time he obeys one . . . Actually there are more laws than crimes. However, a crime every 18 sec's isn't too bad. At least it leaves us with 17 idle and safe ones.—*Reformatory Pillar*.

LITERATURE—21

In N Y, Earl Wilson defined a historical novel as a book with a shapely wench on the jacket but no jacket on the shapely wench.—*Sat Review of Literature*.



June 5

- 1723—b Adam Smith, Scottish economist, moralist
- 1783—World's 1st balloon ascension: France
- 1849—Denmark Constitution signed, creating constitutional monarchy
- 1861—1st chapt of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" appeared in "Nat'l Era"
- 1897—b Mme Chiang Kai-shek, wife of former pres of China
- 1910—d O Henry (Wm Sydney Porter), American author

June 6

- 1599—b Diego Velasquez, Spanish artist
- 1755—b Nathan Hale, American patriot, spy in Revolutionary War
- 1756—b John Trumbull, American historical & portrait painter
- 1799—d Patrick Henry, American patriot, statesman
- 1832—d Jeremy Bentham, English prison reformer, jurist
- 1804—b Louis A Godey, American publisher, co-founder in 1830 of "Godey's Lady's Book"
- 1844—Society formed in London for "condition of young men in . . . trades," beginning of YMCA
- 1868—b Rob't F Scott, British antarctic explorer
- 1875—b Thos Mann, German novelist
- 1944—D-Day, invasion of Normandy by Allied forces

June 7

- 632—A D—d Mohammed, Prophet of Islam, founder of Mohammedanism
- 1893—d Edwin T Booth, American tragedian

June 8

- 1809—d Thos Paine, English-American author, crusader for freedom
- 1810—b Rob't Schumann, German composer
- 1845—d Andrew Jackson, 7th U S Pres
- 1869—b Frank Lloyd Wright, American architect, writer

June 9

- 1672—b Peter I, the Great, Russian Czar, introduced western civilization into Russia
- 1870—d Chas Dickens, English novelist
- 1948—d Joshua Loth Liebman, rabbi, author

June 10

- 1836—d Andre M Ampere, French physicist, mathematician
- 1841—b Sir Henry M Stanley, British explorer who found David Livingstone in Africa
- 1909—d Edw Everett Hale, American clergyman, author
- 1940—Italy declared war on France, Great Britain

June 11

- 1776—Continental Congress appointed John Adams, Thos Jefferson, Benj Franklin, Roger Sherman, Rob't Livingston to draft Declaration of Independence
 - 1859—Fabulous Comstock lode discovered near Virginia City, Nev
 - 1864—b Richard Strauss, German composer, conductor
- *Relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.



AVIATION: Prefabricated hangars for private planes for erection at airports are T-shaped. Plane is backed with its tail in the stem of the T. (*Sterling Sparks, hm, Sterling Grinding Wheel Div*)

KEYS: Vizerak Co is offering a "Key Safe"—a small, black enameled, permanently magnetized case which attaches out of sight on any one of many steel parts of car, providing extra key for emergency use if regular set is lost. (*Financial World*)

SEWING—Aids: Ripper fits any sewing machine and takes out seams as fast as ordinary needle sews them in. Separates seam without cutting cloth by slicing taut bobbin stitch so that seams fall apart. (*Parade*)

SMOKING AIDS: Peck & Peck offers at \$1.95 a "mini-ash-tray"—a sort of midget silent butler to fit lady's purse, rescue her from the horrors of a lighted cigarette and no place to douse it. (*Adv Agency*)

TELEVISION: Steger Products, Chicago, is marketing television stand with revolving top so set can be shifted for the best view without moving it or furniture. Turntable top is set on roller bearings. (*Newsweek*)

TESTING DEVICES: Machine to measure how fast clothes wear out has been developed by Bureau of Standards physicists. It measures within fractions of a millimeter the thickness of a fabric subjected to various wear tests by degree of resistance to an electric current. New measure is not exactly one of thickness, but of am't of mat'l remaining after certain period of abrasion. (*N A N A*)

MODERN AGE—22

In our formative yrs it was fairly definite what a man meant when he said, "I have a radio," or "I have a phonograph." Now it requires higher mathematics. The home "table model" or "console" can now have 1 or more of all these—AC, DC, AM, FM, Short Wave, Long Wave, TV, 78, 45, LP. "Radio" and "phonograph" don't mean anything useful until you know which of these are involved. —*Commonwealth.*

MUSIC—23

In the yr 1897, Richard Strauss* published a song as a supplement to the mag, *Jugend*. The title of the song was simply, "If." It was written in the key of D-flat major, but the end was in D-major. To forewarn the musically orthodox, Strauss added this footnote at the end of the song: "Vocalists who may sing this song before the end of the 19th century are advised by the composer to transpose the last 6 bars a semitone lower, so as to finish the piece in the same key in which it began."—*NICOLAS SLONIMSKY, Etude.*

OBSTACLES—Overcoming—24

When mountain-climbers see a mountain from a distance it seems to be a huge obstacle, but when they come closer they find passes. However, they would not have come closer if they had not had both hope and faith.—*ALAIN, quoted in La Femme et La Vie, France. (QUOTE translation)*

PARENTS—Problems—25

A cartoon in Duvall & Hill's *When You Marry* pictures a mother donkey saying to her offspring, "You're so disobedient, stubborn, contrary—Mother's proud of you." Life would be very simple for parents if these were the qualities we desired in our children. But actually, helping children to modify these very tendencies and at the same time keeping their marriage—and the children—happy is one of the hardest tasks of human parents.—*RALPH ECKERT, "Children Can Make or Break a Marriage," Nat'l Parent-Teacher, 5-49.*

PEACE—26

We have the biggest peace organization in history, but it is too busy fighting to get anywhere with a peace effort. All the world

wants peace, but it 1st insists on the necessary ambulances and identification disks.—*H I PHILLIPS, Richland (Ind) Press.*

POLLS—Humorous—27

Not long ago a door-to-door survey, in which 5,000 typical American citizens were asked a number of questions, revealed that 64% of them were under the impression that the commodity bought and sold on the floor of the N Y Stock Exchange was livestock.—*PRELING FOSTER, Collier's.*

PRINCIPLES—28

An army of principles will penetrate where an army of soldiers cannot; neither the ocean, the Channel, nor the Rhine can arrest its progress; it will march on the horizon of the world, and it will conquer.—*THOS PAINE.**

RACE—29

I am white and I am black, and I know there is no difference. Each casts a shadow, and all shadows are dark.—*WALTER WHITE, A Man Called White. (Viking)*

REACTIONISM—30

A reactionary is a person who sits in his easy chair on Sunday never thinking that tomorrow is Mon but only that yesterday was Sat. — *Justice FERDINAND PECORA, N Y Supreme Court.*

RUSSIA—31

Medal-mania holds the Russians in as tight a grip as it did the Germans when they were ruled by the like of Reichsmarshal Goering (said to wear medal ribbons on his nightshirt). For instance, the new aristocracy includes Honorable Coal Miner E P Baryshnikov, who wears the Order of Lenin and Medal for Valiant Labor in the Great Patriotic War, on what is described as the miner's dress uniform. And on collective farms one may meet a Znatnaya Doyarke—a Distinguished Cow-Milking Woman to you.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

SPECIALIZATION—32

A chimney sweep of Essex, England, has added a note of distinction to his profession by having the word "Flueologist" painted on his truck.—*Current History.*

STUBBORNNESS—33

Pres Andrew Jackson,* altho beloved by his associates, was never an easy man to get along with.

However, during the closing days of his colorful life, he began to soften a little and often openly regretted some of his past sternness and disciplinary severity. A few hrs before the aged warrior died, his doctor found him in such a mood and asked softly, "What would you have done to Mr Calhoun and the others, had they cont'd their resistance, sir, now that you look back?"

Jackson hesitated a moment, then repl'd clearly: "Hung them, sir, as high as Haman . . . and posterity would have pronounced it the best act of my life."—JACK G FARRIS, *Pageant*.

SUCCESS—Formula—34

A Philadelphia business man summed up his success secret in 4 lines: Early to bed . . . Early to Rise . . . Work like Hell . . . And Advertise!—*Executives' Digest*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's, Boston.

Reel vs Real

A solemn committee approached a famous ecclesiastic to solicit his aid in a campaign against motion pictures. "Do you realize," asked the leader of the committee, "that 90% of all pictures are based on the themes of love, sex and crime?"

The bishop, a sage and worldly-wise man, hesitated before replying: "Gentlemen. . . before I subscribe my support, I would like to ask a question: What would you make pictures about if you did not make them on the subjects of love, sex and crime?"

The critical issue, he said, is not *that* these subjects are treated on the screen but *how* they are treated.—ERIC JOHNSTON, pres, Motion Picture Ass'n, *Screen Writer*. 35

TACT—36

Tact is what a certain Arkansas editor had nothing but when he printed the following item in his paper: "Miss Hannah Smith, a Batesville belle of 20 summers, is visiting her twin brother who recently celebrated his 32nd birthday."—*Balance Sheet*.

TELEVISION—37

Irving Caesar, the *Tea for Two* lyricist, is television's fussiest

critic. His logic is this: My Teevee set says: "Give me your eyes. Give me your ears. Don't walk. Don't talk. Just listen to me." So I demand: "O K, what are you going to do for me?"—WALTER WINCHELL, *King Features Syndicate*.

UNITY—38

At the Continental Congress, Patrick Henry,* whose oratory aroused America to the cause of the Revolution, keynoted: "The distinctions between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New Englanders are no more. I am not a Virginian but an American." — *Schoyer's Vital Anniv's for '49*.

USEFULNESS—39

No man is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of someone else.—CHAS DICKENS.*

VANITY—40

A vain girl is like a clock. She's all face and figure, has no head to speak of, is very hard to stop after she's wound up, and has a striking way of calling att'n to herself every hr of the day.—JACK BRAND, radio comedian.

WAGE—Comparative—41

The worker under the U S profit and loss system works a nat'l average of 8 hrs to earn \$10; 19 hrs to earn that sum under the British Socialist system, and 81 hrs to earn it under Russian Communism.—*Hartford Courant*.

WEALTH—Frugality—42

The personal wealth of the Nizam of Hyderabad cannot be calculated but has been estimated in excess of \$2 billion. Yet the Nizam is fantastically frugal. A European expert was hired to evaluate his pearls a few yrs ago. After some days the Nizam summoned the expert and asked him how long it would take to complete the task. "About 2 yrs," the expert repl'd. The Nizam, so the story goes, gasped and exclaimed, "Why, I couldn't possibly afford to pay you for that long," and forthwith fired him.—ROBT TRUMBULL, "Fact Invades India's Fabled Land," *N Y Times Mag*, 5-8-'49.

WORK—43

Keeping house is like threading beads on a string with no knot at the end.—MARGARET SCHOOLEY, *Mag Digest*.



Walls

JEREMY BENTHAM,* besides being a lawyer and a jurist, was also noted for his outstanding prison reform work. We are prone to think of prisoners as hardened men with no thought but to "get out" and resume a life of crime. JEREMY BENTHAM died 117 yrs ago but perhaps he knew even then about men and "walls" and the "Upper Room" as expressed so well in this poem by R W JOHNSON from the Reformatory Pillar, a prison publication from St Cloud, Minn. My shut in world is very small. There is no view of hills or sea. I cannot move beyond this wall That circumstance has raised for me.

Walls can never hold my mind
A prisoner within their space,
For thoughts are free to search
and find
The knowledge of God's truth and
grace.
Walls cannot restrain my heart
Nor my walking on my neighbor's
road,
For I can play a comrade's part
And share the burden of his load.
Shut in walls cannot prevent
My soul from climbing heaven's
stair,
To take the bread of sacrament
With lips which speak adoring
prayer.
When walls shut out the world of
men,
God's presence true will light the
gloom.
Shut in with him a yr or two,
I make of walls an "Upper Room."

YOUTH—Ambition—44

Seeing everywhere the better posts filled by grizzled unbudgeables, thwarted youths console themselves with the reflection, "While there's death, there's hope." —EDW A ROSS, Prof Emeritus of Sociology, Univ of Wis, *Capsules of Wisdom*. (Chapel Hill)

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

Tallulah Bankhead went to a dep't store to buy a hand bag. She was shown several but didn't like any of them. The salesgirl then showed her a bag which had a long strap to be worn over the shoulder.

Miss Bankhead tried it and said: "This strap-over-the-shoulder thing isn't for me. It gets in the way of The Chip."—LEONARD LYONS, *McNaught Syndicate* a

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A Polish refugee prof reported (with a twinkle in his eye) that he had found in America a new saint, the patron saint of torn-up thoroughfares. Whenever he had found repair gangs, they had been working under the advertised protection of "St Closed."—LAWRENCE E NELSON, *Our Roving Bible*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury) b

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Socialism: A system of turning water into wine, kerosene into oyster soup, and boulders into beer, by passing resolutions.—Pacific Islands Monthly. (Sydney, Australia)

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The hardened and oft-convicted prisoner was before the bar for sentencing. "I find you guilty on 26 counts," said the Judge, "and I sentence you to 5 yrs on each count, making a total of 130 yrs."

The prisoner, already well along in yrs, burst into tears. The Judge, taking this as a sign of remorse, said in a softened tone, "I didn't mean to be so harsh. I realize I have imposed an unusually severe sentence, so you don't have to serve the 130 yrs." With a benign smile the Judge leaned toward the prisoner, whose face showed newfound hope: "Just do as much as you can!—*Speakers Mag.* c

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Three men, a Christian, a Mohammedan, and a Jew, were asked the question, "What would you do if a tidal wave drove the ocean waters deep over your land?"

"We would die with the sign of the cross and beg the Lord to open for us the pearly gates of heaven," said the Christian.

"We would pray to Allah and be

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

MIGNON EBERHART

Mystery story writer

I had been invited to speak at a New England book fair. I was terrified, as usual, as I surveyed the audience, and had every symptom of becoming totally speechless until the book reviewer drew me aside and whispered:

"My dear, we're so honored to have you with us. You know, I'm wild about your books. I'd like to review them in my col, but I only review good books."

I got the giggles and still had them when I stepped up to speak. I don't remember what I said, but I do remember my knees weren't knocking any longer, and from that day on I have never been scared to make a speech. — NORMA LEE BROWNING, *Woman*.

consoled in our Kismet. As it is destined to be, so is it," said the Moslem.

"We," said the Jew, "would learn to live under water."—*Alexander Animator*, hm, Alexander Film Co. d

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A businessman's wife won a beauty contest. She finally had his sec'y fired. — RED FOLEY, radio comedian.

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A prominent church dignitary was visiting in Montreal. While making a side trip into the Laurentians, his mail began to arrive at the home of his Montreal host. As the date of his return was uncertain they hesitated to forward it. One large envelope, a long impressive looking thing from his sec'y, had them worried. Surely it contained some important document for which the whole church in Canada was probably awaiting the approval of the reverend gentleman. When he ret'd, his hostess explained the situation. She did

hope she had done the right thing in not sending it on.

"No," he said. "No harm done. In fact I'm glad you didn't forward it. It might have got lost." Then he opened it. It contained a wk's clippings of the Dick Tracy comic strip.—*Pipefuls*, hm, State Mutual Life Assurance Co. e

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The number of war memoirs in the spring booklists indicates that the gen'ls are still ready to sell their lives as dearly as possible. — Punch. (London)

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Two hollow-eyed, bleek looking Scots were discussing a wild party they had attended the night before. "D'ye ken," said one of them, "that Mac fell in the river on his way home last night?"

With some effort the other Scot focused his thoughts upon this dreadful intelligence.

"Ye dinna mean tae say he was drowned?" he inq'd fearfully.

The other shook his head, slowly and painfully, "Na, na," he repl'd, "not drowned,—but sadly diluted!" —*Wall St Jnl.* f

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A colored girl registered at a college but in appearance was not the same as a student by the same name who had attended the previous semester. On questioning she said: "No, that was my sister. She died last summer. Before she died she willed me her name. I thought that would include her credits."—E Fosdick. g

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Edwin Booth* willed his home on Gramercy Park, N Y, to the Players club as its permanent home . . . Some yrs ago the late Don Marquis was playing a game of pool in the basement. The ventilation was not good and the room was so full of smoke that a man coming down the stairway choked.

"My word," he exclaimed. "How can you breathe such stale air?" Don leaned his cue against the

table and looked at the protester in shocked surprise. "Is it possible," he demanded accusingly, "that a gentleman objects to breathing the air that Edwin Booth breathed?"

As Booth had been dead for decades, the question amused everyone and probably had its influence in the remodeling of the bldg not long after.—LEE SHIPPEY, *Los Angeles Times*. h

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Politician: A man who, when he sees the writing on the wall, starts to criticize the formation of the letters.—Dublin (Eire) Opinion.

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There was a broken fence between heaven and hell. The devil sent a note to the angels saying, "Have taken legal advice. The repair is your responsibility."

Heaven repl'd, "Cannot get legal advice. Will repair fence."—*Glasgow (Scotland) Herald*. i

Their Eyes Have IT . . .

The Nat'l Inst of Hypnotism recently presented its list of the "12 most hypnotic eyes in the world":

Pres Truman because he has "laughing eyes."

Stalin because his reflect "sinister brutality."

Opera Singer Rise Stevens for their "spiritual radiance."

Sen Margaret Chase Smith, of Me, for "compassionate understanding."

Actress Jane Greer for "smoldering promise."

Actor Kirk Douglas for "sudden thunder."—I N S. j

A high British personage in Berlin arranged a dinner with an equally exalted Soviet personage—just to see whether in an informal and friendly atmosphere they could solve some of the thorniest of their problems. The dinner was an enormous success—so much so that when the Britisher got back to his billet he was seized with qualms lest he'd been altogether too accommodating. So later in the morning he rang up his Soviet

friend: "I want to thank you for that wonderful dinner, but do let me impress upon you again that all that I said was strictly off the record, in fact, anything I said after midnight I shall probably deny having said at all."

Back came the answer: "That is entirely understood. Anything that either of us said after midnight is already forgotten. As a matter of fact, we took the precaution of shooting the interpreter after you left."—A F BIRCH JONES, quoted in *English Digest*. (London) k

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A hula dancer claimed she could teach the lad in Hawaii the dance in 3 easy lessons. Since the fellow was leaving for home the next day, he arranged to take a correspondence course.

Lesson Number 1 arrived: "Go out, plant a crop of grass, harvest it and wrap it around your waist."

He did so. Then came Lesson Number 2: "Go out, plant another crop of grass. Harvest it and wrap it around your waist."

Somewhat crestfallen and crop-bound, he awaited Lesson Number 3. It contained the key: "Now rotate your crops."—*Chicago Daily News*. l

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Sardine: A victim of the net profit system.—Wall St Jnl.

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No matter what oculists tell you, animals are affected by television. Beatrice Fung Oye has a poodle addicted to television. Sits there 3 and 4 hrs at a time, staring into the screen. Recently, Beatrice noticed that he staggered drunkenly when he walked.

"There isn't a thing wrong with this dog," the vet said after a careful examination.

"There must be," said Beatrice. "He staggers."

"What kind of a routine does he have at home?" the vet asked. "Anything unusual?"

"Well, it sounds silly, but he's a television nut. He looks at it steadily hrs at a time."

"That's it," said the vet. "His eyes are affected. We'll put him on a regimen. Limit him to 15

"Heads—or Tales . . ."

If you like him, he's a liberal; if you don't, he's a Red.

If you like him, he's a conservative; if you don't, he's a fascist reactionary.

If you like him, he's highly intelligent; if you don't, he's a damned highbrow.

If you like him, he's discriminating, in his friendships; if you don't he's a snob.

If you like him, he's shrewd; if you don't, he's crooked.

If you like him, he's a clever conversationalist; if you don't he talks all the time.

If you like him, he's a hearty eater; if you don't, he's a hog.

If you like him, he's a gay dog; if you don't he's an old goat.—ARCH JARRELL, *Grand Island (Neb) Independent*. m

min's a day, preferably a fairly quiet program."

Dog walks all right now, but is depressed.—IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter*. n

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Beatrice Lillie, talking of her recent illness, said she had some X-rays taken. "What were the results?" someone asked.

"Splendid!" said Bea. "One of them flattered me!"—N Y Daily News. o

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Lex Baker was pretty pleased when he learned that his 1st scene in his new career as Tarzan called for him to kiss his leading lady, Brenda Joyce. But the scene was rewritten. As it turned out, Lex started off by being kissed all right, but by a chimpanzee. "I have," he wrote to a friend, "been double-xxed." — MIKE DENNIS, *Band Wagon*. p

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An American visitor was taken to an English Church Service and was asked by her host when she ret'd how she liked it. She was pleased about the service, but there was 1 thing about the announcements that troubled her.

"I consider it shows bad taste on the part of the Rector when reading the banns," she said, "to say how many times the gentleman asked the lady. We'd never dream of announcing such a thing in public in my country."—*Cambridge (England) Daily News*. q

CROSS COUNTRY COMMENT

Communism in American Schools and Colleges

The following excerpt is taken from a letter by E MERRILL ROOT, Prof of English at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind, to the editor of the N Y Times, 2-28-'49.

Communism means the Communist party which, in no matter what country it may function, is centered in and dominated by Russia. Communism is not all a matter of ideas, of progressive beliefs, of beliefs of any sort; it is not a matter of ideas that you hold, discuss, and sift — but of will . . . It (the Communist party) is a fighting organization designed primarily and essentially to achieve political dominance, to seize power, and to exploit for its own purposes the power won . . . It is a fixed dogmatic scheme of rigid doctrine and dogma, organized around a center of will. It talks about freedom of thought; it actually seeks freedom of will . . .

The individual Communist cannot give ideas—the party does not want them; he takes his ideas from the party, and he gives his energy to the party. That is incompatible with the intellectual life . . . In relation to the Communist, freedom of thought has no sense of meaning: give him freedom of thought, and he misuses it as *freedom of will* to destroy the American pattern and to rebuild the world farther from the heart's desire.

This will . . . is itself resolutely set upon a certain pattern. It is alien to the living pattern on which America's soul was founded. It is alien to the liberalism of Thos Jefferson, to the noble charity of Lincoln, to the free-roving poetry of Walt Whitman, to the stubborn individualism of Thoreau . . . To belong to the Communist party is to oppose and obliterate America, and to suppress and destroy Christianity in terms of political militancy, of concrete action, of malignant

will. Therefore, if America means anything to us, and if Christianity is a value in our lives, Communism must be met in terms of what alone it understands: by *action* and by *will* . . .

Currently a matter of violent controversy is the case of Hans Freistadt, 23, Austrian-born naturalized citizen who joined the Communist party since coming to the U S in 1941, and who, in spite of this mbrship, has been awarded a \$1,600 Atomic Energy Commission fellowship for advanced study in nuclear physics.

According to the Atomic Energy Commission, as no atomic secrets were involved, the Nat'l Research Council made the award without a Fed'l Bureau of Investigation security check.

American colleges are sacred to creative thought, to free criticism: the acknowledged Communist is the enemy of both . . . Mbrship in the Communist party automatically disqualifies a man from intellectual integrity, and makes him an alien to truth . . .

Therefore all Communists should immediately be dismissed from every scholastic and academic position in America. They are not a vitamin but a disease of the mind and spirit. They impart, wherever they come, the contagion of a mortal malady.



If Nature Does It, It's Fine—
JAS S POOLER, *Detroit Free Press*,
5-15-'49.

Nature gets away with murder. Out of the pale blue yonder all sorts of stuff showers on man and he takes it philosophically.

But let a neighbor, a city, a corp'n pull anything that nature does and there's fighting in the st's, petitions and lawsuits.

Snow piles up a ft thick. The average householder just goes out

and shovels it away. But let a few bu's of leaves blow from his neighbor's lawn on his newly-raked one and, brother, there is blood on the moon!

Let hail big as baseballs bust his windows. He gets putty and glass and goes to work. But let a small boy put a baseball as big as hail thru one of his windows! The next moment small boys are running for their lives from an outraged citizen with a ball bat . . .

A smoke stack topples off a plant and makes accordions out of a few automobiles. The lawyers run into the Weather Bureau to find out how hard the wind was blowing. If it was a regular wind, then the fellow who owned the smoke stack is going to have the pants sued off him. If an 80-mi gale was blowing—Nature did it—and the guys with the crushed cars even feel very sorry for the fellow with the toppled smoke stack.

It's wonderful how people can be so tolerant or rambunctious.

Now if they could only tolerate people with the same calm they do lightning, hail, or hurricane . . .

